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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-272-C)

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In the Application of:

Johnson et al.

Serial No.: 10/025,076

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For: SHAFT LOCKING DEVICE FOR
BEARING ASSEMBLIES

Examiner: L. Footland

Group Art Unit: 3682

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 12-05-02

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed December 5, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 37 as follows:

37. (Once Amended) The bearing locking collar of claim 34, wherein the protrusion has a wedge shape.

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